

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A pliable refractory metal carrier (46) may have coated thereon an anchor layer (47) to improve adherence to the carrier (46) of a catalytic coating (48). The conformable catalyst member (26, 82, 82', 126, 226, 326) may be bent to conform to a curved or bent exhaust pipe 5 (20, 220, 320) within which it is mounted. The pliable metal carrier may be in the form of a tube such as carrier (46) having perforations (54) formed therein, or it may be a metal strip (76) which is folded into accordion pleats (80) and has perforations (78) formed therein. The perforations (54, 78) serve to permit the passage of exhaust gas therethrough. A series of interior closures (58) and annular baffles (60) may be provided to import a serpentine flow path to gases 10 flowed through an exhaust pipe (22) containing a conformable catalyst member (226) therein. A mounting member (68) may be supplied to fasten one end of the conformable catalyst member (226) to the discharge end of an exhaust pipe (220).